IN THE SPECIFICATION

Paragraph beginning at Page 61, line 22:

The *MseI* restriction enzyme was produced from recombinant *E. coli* strain NEB#1284 propagated to late-log phase in a 100-liter fermenter. A sample of these cells was deposited under the terms and conditions of the Budapest Treaty with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), 1801 University Blvd., Manassas, VA 20110, on August 28, 2000 and received ATCC Accession No. PTA-2421. Restrictions on the availability of the deposited material to the public will be removed upon granting of a patent on the present claimed invention.

Paragraphs beginning at Page 16, line 27:

Figure 1A shows a restriction map of the recombinant plasmid pVR-18 encoding MseI DNA methyltransferase gene.

~~Figure 1B shows the agarose gel analysis of the susceptibility to *MseI* of pVR-18 plasmid encoding M. *MseI*. Lane 1, uncut pVR-18; lane 2, pVR-18 following overnight incubation with ten units of *MseI*; lane 3, uncut pBR322; lane 4, pBR322 following overnight incubation with ten units of *MseI*; lane 4, pVR-18 + pBR322 following overnight incubation with ten units of *MseI*; lane 5, molecular weight standard (1 kb DNA Ladder, New England Biolabs, Inc.).~~